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BY Advices from Petersbourg we learn, that the late Czar having in the Year 1722 made a Regulation, which provided that he might nominate and appoint his Successour by his last Will, the States of his Empire solemnly swore to observe that Regulation in 1723, and afterwards renewed that Oath at the Coronation of the Empress Catherine in 1724: Immediately after his Death his Will being opened, it was found that he had therein appointed his said Consort to be his Successour; whereupon the Senate, the Synod, and the General Officers, acknowledging her Empress of all Russia, she did, by their Advice, take the Government upon her.

The Deposition of Nathaniel St. Andre, of the Parish of St. Martin's in the Fields, Chirurgion.

WHO says, That on Saturday last, about Four in the Evening, he received by the Penny-Post a Letter subscribed W. Baker, desiring the Deponent to meet the Subscriber at Nando's Coffee-house, to consult him upon a Case where a great deal of Skill was required, or to that Effect: That accordingly he went to the said Coffee-house, which is near St. Dunstan's Church, and at the Door of the said Coffee-house met a Man, middle-sized, having on a light tyed short Wig, a brownish Coat with close Sleeves, a thin faced middle aged Man, who ask'd the Deponent, if he was not Mr. St. Andre? To which the Deponent answering, he was, the said Man said, the Deponent only could resolve him in a Case, and it was but hard by, and desired the Deponent to go along with him. Accordingly they went into a Coach which had brought the Deponent; and the Coachman, by the said Man's Direction, carried them a little below the Hercules-Pillars, where they alighted, and the said Man led the Deponent a little lower; they then turned down on the Right Hand by an Oyl-Shop into a narrow Passage into a Street that leads towards the Water-Side, there they turned to the Left Hand, and walked in that Street about Two Hundred Steps, and turned on the Left into a Court or Alley, and then on the Right Hand into another Court, as the Deponent best remembers, it being at that Time past Seven at Night, and dark. In this last mentioned Court, the said Man carried the Deponent to the third or fourth House, as he believes, on the Left Hand; the House had a mean Appearance, the Stair-Case was very strait, and reached near to the Door of the House. Being got up one Pair of Stairs, the said Man carried the Deponent into a Room where a Woman was sitting, and asked him to sit down, and went out, saying he would wait upon him in a Minute, and accordingly soon returned, having in his Hand a Plate, and on it three Glasses of Liquor, of which he gave one to the said Woman, took another himself, and offered the third upon the Plate to the Deponent, who would have excused himself from drinking it, but the said Man told the Deponent, he hoped he would not affront him, or Words to that Effect. Then the Deponent took the said Glass, but finding the Liquor very strong and ill tasted, he drank but very little of it. Then they talked of the Case; the said Man told the Deponent, that the said Woman had the Foul Disease, and upon Examination the Deponent declared himself to be of that Opinion, but the said Woman denied it; upon which the Deponent replied, he had no more to say, or something to that Purpose, and the said Man gave the Deponent a Fee, and then the Deponent came home. The Deponent further says, that when he came in, Mr. Martin's Wife, with whom he lodges, observed that he looked pale, and ask-

ed if he had been fighting, or had been robbed? And to satisfy her it was not so, he shewed her his Watch and his Purse: She insisted that he look'd like Death, that his Nostrils were pinch'd, and soon after the Deponent began to find himself giddy, and shivering with Cold, and desired his Bed might be warmed, for he found himself ill, as she said: That he has ever since continued very ill, and by what he is able to judge himself by the Symptoms he has felt, as well as by the Opinion of several eminent Physicians who have visited him, he must have taken some very strong Poison; and he can account for no other Manner or Occasion of his doing it, than in the Glass of Liquor presented to him as is above related.

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N. St. Andre:

The Case of Mr. St. Andre.

ON Sunday, being the 7th of February 1724-5, Dr. Cockburn was desired to go with all Haste to visit Mr. St. Andre. It was between Nine and Ten in the Morning, when he found him under great Disorders with Pains and Heat in his Stomach, and along all the Guts. He had a constant Pressure of Vomiting, and brought a little Gall sometimes; at other times he brought up Phlegm; and sometimes both together. His Tongue was swelled, and very white; and the Muscles of the Throat were so swell'd, and inflam'd, that he could hardly swallow: His Pulse was so low, that it hardly could be felt; and he so cold that he could not be kept warm. His Face was pale and contracted; like a dying Countenance, as described by Hippocrates.

The Doctor declared his Opinion, that all this Disorder was the Effect of Poison; which was much confirmed by the Account of what had happened to him the preceding Evening, as well as by the Opinion of the skilful Person himself. Being thus satisfied about the Nature of the Disease, and finding by the mentioned Symptoms that the Poison still operated on his Bowels, and that it had thickned his Blood; the Method of Cure proceeded first in endeavouring to carry off the Poison subsisting on the Bowels by proper Evacuations, and thereafter to destroy the Coagulation of his Blood, and thus to enliven it, and to restore its Motion. By the first of these Endeavours the Vomiting very much abated, and he was more quiet. The second was not without Success, and the Blood was a little restored to its Motion.

Monday 8th. He passed the Night without any Sleep, and complained of racking Pains in his Limbs: He had that Morning six very sharp Stools, which sunk his Strength, and gave him a falling down of the Anus; which was so relaxed that a Man's Fingers might pass into the Rectum or straight Gut. In Consideration of the present State, there was a Necessity to give a Check to the Purging, because he was in danger of its carrying him off. For this Purpose there was ordered for him a Clyster to comfort the Bowels, and wash off the sharp Parts of the Poison from the Rectum; and afterwards proceeded in a Method for checking the Quantity of the Discharge by Stools.

This Evening Doctor Cockburn met His Majesty's Physician Dr. Steigenthall, who was sent by the King to assist the former Physician; there were likewise present Doctor Teissier Physician to the Household, and Doctor Alexander Stuart; who found his Bowels very easy, but there appeared new and fresh Symptoms; for his Limbs and Testicles swelled, and there was an Oedematous Swelling of his Feet. All which Symptoms were taken